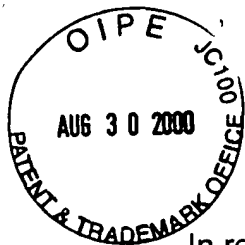


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

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Copies of the remaining listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, serial no. 08/396,414, filed February 27, 1995, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the

Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The present application Serial No. 09/605,001 is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/396,414, which is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 08/074,781, now U.S. Patent No. 5,484,437, which is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 07/968,240, now U.S. Patent No. 5,741,253, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 07/698,674, now abandoned, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 07/205,935, now U.S. Patent No. 5,015,247.

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention that the '247 patent is the subject of litigation in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Western Division, Civil Action No. 95-0258RG, hereinafter referred to as Litigation 1. The claims of the '247 patent are directed to a fusion implant.

The '253 patent is the subject of litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Civil Action No. 98-2369GA (JSG), hereinafter referred to as Litigation 2. The claims of the '253 patent are generally directed to a method for preparing adjacent vertebrae to receive an implant.

In Litigations 1 and 2, the Defendants have asserted that various references are pertinent to the issue of validity of the '247 and '253 patents respectively under 35 U.S.C. "102 and 103. Applicant notes for the Examiner on the attached Form 1449 in the column for the Examiner's initials the references identified by Defendants in Litigations 1 and/or 2 by the designation "Lit. 1" and "Lit. 2".

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant(s) determine(s) that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

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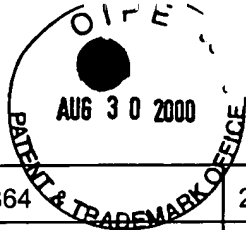
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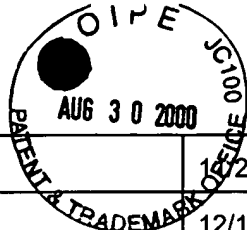
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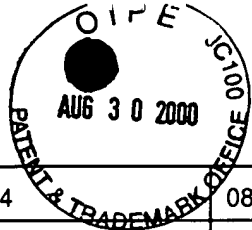
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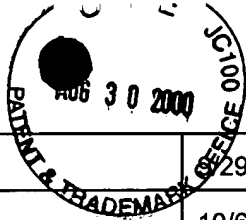
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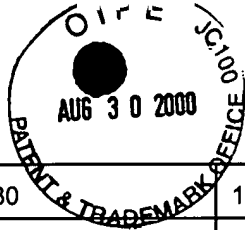


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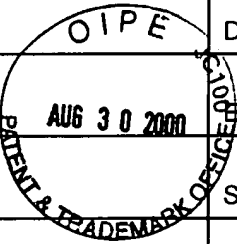
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